Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS CTC Meeting: April 26-27, 2006

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Action Item

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Ref: SUMMARY – DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ROUTE 5 IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY – CONSTRUCT INTERCHANGE AND EXTEND ROAD IN STOCKTON

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) review and comment at the April 2006 Commission meeting on the following Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR):

 10-SJ-5, PM 22.1/23.6, Construct interchange and extend Sperry Road in the City of Stockton in San Joaquin County.

PROGRAMMING:

This project is not fully funded. The Project Approval and Environmental Document phase is funded through a combination of federal and local funds, including City of Stockton Traffic Impact Fees and assessments on new developments. The City of Stockton will submit the project to the San Joaquin Council of Governments for Regional Transportation Improvement Program and Measure K funds, and it will request San Joaquin County's contribution for right-of-way and construction phases. The total estimated project cost is \$106,588,000. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2007-08.

ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

- Full-Build Alternative: Interchange improvements, auxiliary lanes, and eight-lane Sperry Road extension.
- Reduced-Build Alternative: Interchange improvements, auxiliary lanes, and four-lane Sperry Road extension.
- No-Build Alternative.

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POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

- Business relocations
- Emergency services
- Traffic and transportation
- Visual resources /aesthetics
- Cultural resources
- Hydrology, floodplain, and water quality
- Hazardous waste/materials
- Noise
- Wetlands and other waters of the United States
- Vegetation and habitat
- Special status species

Because there will be potentially significant impacts associated with traffic circulation changes and biological issues, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared.

PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:

- Provide compensation and relocation assistance consistent with State and Federal laws.
- Coordinate project design and construction with local emergency service providers.
- Develop Transportation Management Plan to minimize traffic disruption during construction.
- Replace native trees and landscaping removed during construction.
- Stop work if buried cultural resources are discovered during construction.
- Prepare drainage report during final design; design culverts to pass 100-year flood flows.
- Implement Best Management Practices during construction.
- Prepare Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.
- Avoid project activities near known contaminated sites. Stop work if unknown hazardous materials are uncovered during construction. Prepare worker health and safety plan.
- Comply with all local ordinances to reduce noise during construction. Noise abatement (insulation) is recommended for one sensitive receptor.
- Avoid and minimize wetland impacts during construction. Comply with permit requirements.
- Avoid removal of mature trees. Time construction activities to avoid conflicts with nesting birds.
- Avoid loss of potential habitat through project design and construction activities.
- Conduct pre-construction surveys for special status species.
- Incorporate specifications to minimize the potential for spreading invasive species.

Attachment

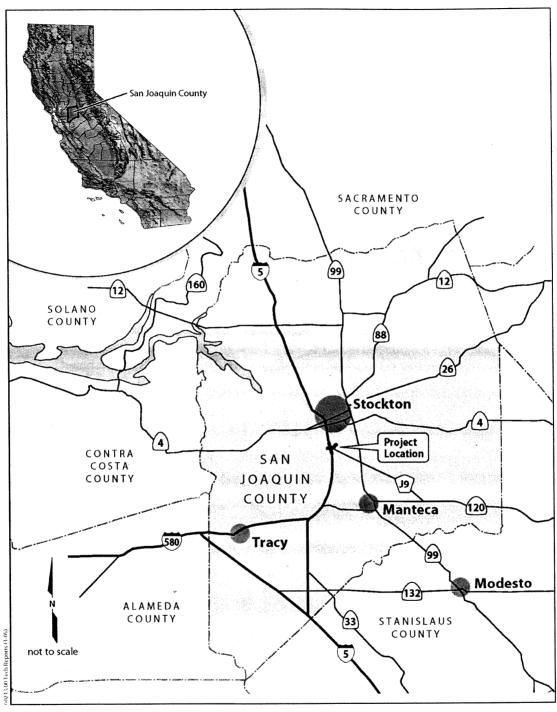


Figure 1-1 Project Vicinity Map